

Syllabus

for course at first level

Early History of Latin America
Latinamerikas tidigare historia

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	LAS101
Valid from:	Autumn 2015
Date of approval:	2015-03-04
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Latin America Studies
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school courses Swedish B/Swedish as Second Language B, and English B, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
101A	Early History of Latin America	7.5

Course content

The course provides a general overview of Latin America's historical development until the 1930s from both a regional and international perspective. The following topics will be discussed: America before the arrival of the Europeans; the economic, administrative, social and cultural structures of the Spanish and Portuguese colonial systems; the wars of independence in the 19th century; the oligarchic nature of the political systems; and the growth of the export economy up until the 1930s.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- describe the culture and population of America before the arrival of the Europeans;
- describe the initial opportunities for Latin America's inclusion in the emerging capitalist world system, the course of the Spanish and Portuguese conquest, the structure of the colonial system and the cyclical nature of the colonial economy;
- describe the economic and political development during the glory days of free trade and the export economy, as well as the demographic transformation in the same time period.

Education

Lectures and seminars.

Teaching language: English.

Forms of examination

- a. The course is examined by means of a written test.

b. Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale:

A = Excellent
B = Very Good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Adequate
Fx = Insufficient
F = Fail

c. The grading criteria for this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d. In order to pass, the student needs a grade of at least E on the exam. For more detailed information, see the course description

e. A student, who has received a grade of E or higher, may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade. A student who has received the grade of Fx or F twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the board of the department. During the semester of the course, two possibilities to be examined should be provided. Moreover, at least one possibility should be offered during semesters when the course is not given.

f. A possibility for completion of an Fx grade is not permitted at this course

Required reading

For the course literature, see the webpage of the department www.su.se/romklass. Updated literature list will be available at least one month before the onset of the course.